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1. SUMMARY: AN IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE NECESSITY FOR THE CON-
TINUED EXISTENCE OF A SECURITY ASSISTANCE OFFICE WITHIN AMEMB
OSLO CONCLUDES THAT:

- THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
IN NORWAY HAS BEEN LARGELY FULFILLED;

- THE MAJORITY OF THE CURRENT MAAG NORWAY FUNCTIONS AND
TASKS COULD LOGICALLY AND EFFECTIVELY BE CONDUCTED BY OTHER
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USG AND GON OFFICES; AND

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- THERE WILL BE A CONTINUING REQUIREMENT FOR S.A./MILITARY ADVISOR(S) ASSIGNED TO CHIEF OF MISSION.

IT IS CONCLUDED ALSO THAT THE PRESENT TWELVE PERSON MAAG NORWAY STAFF SHOULD BE REDUCED WITHIN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS TO AN OFFICE OF A MAXIMUM OF THREE PERSONS FOR S.A. ADVISORY ASSIST TO COM, AND AUTHORIZATION IS REQUESTED TO NOW OPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH GON TOWARD THIS END. THE PROSPECTIVE CHMAAG, COL CROW, USAF, SHOULD BE ADVISED TO DELAY UFN SHIPMENT OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AS REDUCTION PLAN PRECLUDES HIS ASSIGN-MENT TO AMEMB OSLO. END SUMMARY.

2. THE COUNTRY TEAM HAS CONDUCTED AN IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE CURRENT AND FUTURE NEED FOR AN AMEMB OSLO SECURITY ASSISTANCE OFFICE IN LIGHT OF U.S. INTEREST (INCLUDING "THE ACT", REFTEL), EUCOM EXPRESSED INTENT, AND WHAT WE BELIEVE WILL BE THE GON DESIRES. THE REVIEW CONCLUDED THAT:

A. THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE USG S.A. PROGRAM IN NORWAY HAS BEEN LARGELY FULFILLED.

B.THE MAJORITY OF THE CURRENT MAAG FUNCTIONS AND TASKS COULD LOGICALLY BE CONDUCTED BY OTHER USG AND GON OFFICES.

C. THERE IS AN ON-GOING NEED FOR AN S.A./MILITARY ADVISOR(S) WITHIN AMEMB OSLO TO; KEEP ABREAST OF S.A. RELATED AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MILITARYIN-COUNTRY ACTIVITY AND REPORT TO AND ADVISE COM ACCORDINGLY, ACT AS COM'S POINT OF CONTACT WITH DOD ON S.A. AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MILITARY AFFAIRS (SUCH AS JSOP INPUT, ETC.),

OVERSEE THE DISPOSITION OF RESIDUAL MAP MATERIAL.

D. THE MAAG NORWAY CURRENT CORE ACTIVITIES ARE:

(1) S.A. ADVISOR TO COM.

(2) POINT OF CONTACT WITH THE NORWEGIAN DEFENSE ESTAB FOR AMEMB

OSLO AND EUCOM ON S.S. RELATED AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MILITARY ADVISORY MATTERS; EG, FMS, BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND PROBLEMS.

(3) PROCESSING NORWEGIAN MILITARY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

(4) PROCESSING NORWEGIAN EXCESS MAP MATERIAL.

E. THE MAJORITY OF MAAG NORWAY'S CURRENT EFFORT IS IN

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PROVIDING THE LATTER TWO SERVICES FOR THE GON, WHICH WE
BELIEVE THEY COULD ABSORB AND PERFORM FOR THEMSELVES. HOWEVER,
WE SHOULD NOTE THAT THE GON WOULD PROBABLY PREFER TO CONTINUE THE
PRESENT PROGRAM WHEREIN THEY LARGELY PAY THE USG THROUGH
CONTRIBUTED CURRENCY FOR THE MAAG SERVICES.

3. OUR REVIEW INCLUDED CONSIDERATION OF CONTINUING THE
CURRENT LEVEL OF MAAG ACTIVITIES WITH NINE VICE TWELVE PERSONS,
I.E., REDUCING THE US ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL ASSIGNED FROM THE
PRESENT SIX TO THE THREE ALLOWED BY THE ACT WHILE RETAINING THE
NON-MILITARY PORTION OF THE STAFF. THIS ALTERNATIVE WAS DISCARDED
AS MERELY DELAYING THE INEVITABLE.

4. IT IS CONSIDERED MORE LOGICAL THAT AMEMB OSLO'S CONTINUING
EFFORT IN S.A./MILITARY ACTIVITIES BE KEYED TO THE NEED INDENTIFIED
IN SUBPARA 2.C. ABOVE. POSSIBLY THIS WOULD BE THE INITIAL STEP OF A
PHASED APPROACH TOWARD EVEN A GREATER REDUCTION (I.E., ONE OFFICER)
IF WARRANTED BY EXPERIENCE. THE PRESENT OBJECTIVE IS AN S.A./
MILITARY ADVISORY OFFICE CONSISTING OF TWO OFFICERS AND ONE
ENLISTED CLERK TYPIST. ACCORDINGLY, WE PROPOSE TO APPROACH THE GON
WITH THE CONCEPT THAT:

A. IT IS NOW TIME, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE ACT, TO
COMMENCE A CONCRETE PROGRAM OF PHASE-OUT OF THE MAAG ORGANIZATION.

B. WE FORESEE NO RESULTANT NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR VARIOUS S.A.
RELATED OR OTHER PROGRAMS WITH NORWAY, CONSIDERING GON MILITARY
SERVICES NOW HAVE PEOPLE WITH THE REQUISITE KNOWLEDGE AND
BACKGROUND TO PERFORM TRAINING AND MAP DISPOSAL PROCESSING FOR
THEMSELVES.

C. WE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THEIR PEOPLE FOR A REASONABLE
PERIOD OF TIME TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TURNOVER, AND
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D. WE SEE NO NECESSITY FOR REVISION OR MODIFICATION
OF THE MUTUAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO
NATIONS RESULTANT FROM THIS ACTION.

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5. IN ORDER TO EFFECT AN EFFICIENT TURNOVER/PHASE-OUT
WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PRECLUDE UNDUE HARDSHIP ON BOTH THE U.S.
AND LOCAL HIREMAAG PERSONNEL, WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING:

A. THE PROSPECTIVE CHMAAG NORWAY, COL CROW, USAR,
BE REASSIGNED PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM CONUS.

B. THREE OF THE FIVE CURRENTLY ON-BOARD MAAG MILITARY
PERSONNEL TO BE RETAINED AS AN AMEMB OSLO S.A. OFFICE
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT. THE PERIOD OF RETENTION
TO BE ABOUT ONE YEAR. THEREUPON, THE FULL IMPACT OF THE
ACT REGARDING FMS MONITORING AND REPORTING RQMTS SHOULD
BE CLEAR, AND THE FEASIBILITY OF FURTHER REDUCTION OF THE
S.A. OFFICE COULD BE EVALUATED. THE THREE PERS TO BE USAF
LCOL, ARMY LCOL, AND USN CPO (CLERICAL SUPPORT). THE TWO
LCOL'S HAVE APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR REMAINING ON THEIR
PRESENT ASSIGNMENTS, AND THE CPO ONLY RECENTLY ARRIVED. IT IS
POSSIBLE THAT EXPERIENCE WITH THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENT WOULD SUGGEST
REPLACEMENT OF THE USAF LTCOL WITH A FULL COL.

C. THE OTHER TWO ON-BOARD MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMY COL AND
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USN CAPT, WOULD REMAIN FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO ASSIST IN THE
ORDERLY TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES. THE ARMY COL COMPLETES
HIS PRESENT TOUR IN FEB 77, AND THE USN CAPT'S TOUR WOULD BE
TERMINATED AFTER ABOUT EIGHTEEN MONTHS IN-COUNTRY (I.E., DEPAR-

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D. SHOULD THE ACT BE INTERPRETED TO REQUIRE THE TRANSFER OF ALL BUT THREE OF THESE PERSONNEL BY 1 OCT 76, THEN IT IS CONSIDERED ADVISABLE THAT THE ARMY COL AND THE USN CPO BE RELEASED AT THAT TIME. THE USN HAS AN OPEN POSITION AT AFNORTH FOR THE CPO IN THIS EVENTUALITY. THE USN CAPT, USAF LTCOL, AND ARMY LTCOL WOULD REMAIN, WITH THE CAPT BEING EXCHANGED FORA USN CLERK TYPIST WHEN THE TURNOVER/PHASE-OUT IS COMPLETED, I.E., ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

E. THE US CIVIL SVC SECRETARY AND FIVE LOCAL HIRE PERS TO BE RELEASED AS THEIR INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES ARE REMOVED. EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO PLACE THEM LOCALLY.

6. THE AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO ESTABLISH A MORE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT RELATIONSHIP FOR ALL PEOPLE AND UNITS ASSIGNED TO THIS MISSION, INCLUDING THE MILITARY ADVISOR(S) FOR THE COM. THIS INCLUDES PREPARATION AND/OR REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS REPORTS OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO HIM.

7. TO DATE WE HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED FROM DISCUSSING THE ACT WITH GON; HOWEVER, WE SEE ADVANTAGE IN OPENING DISCUSSIONS WITH GON ON THIS GENERAL SUBJECT. AUTHORIZATION IS REQUESTED TO NOW OPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH GON TOWARD THE OBJECTIVE SET FORTH ABOVE.
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